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SUBJECT: AUGUST 2 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) CITES DIPLO SOURCES THAT PRC WANTS SEND SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS ABROAD ANNUALLY, AND HAS APPROACHED LEADING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR PLACES AT UNIVERSITIES/TECHNICAL COLLEGES. SPECIFICALLY, SAID PE-
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KING HAS ASKED TO SEND UP TO 1200 STUDENTS YRLY TO BRITAIN, 500 EACH TO FRG/France/JAPAN, 150 TO AUSTRALIA. ADDED THAT CANADA/NETHERLANDS HAVE ALSO BEEN APPROACHED, AND OVERTURES EXPECTED TO BE MADE TO SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. PEKING WOULD PAY EXPENSES, STUDY PERIOD WOULD BE UP TO 3 YRS. DIPLOS SAID US ALSO MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE STUDY AREA, AND ISSUE DISCUSSED DURING FRANK PRESS VISIT.

WSJ'S CHING (HK) CITES SOURCES WHO REPORT THAT SERIES OF MTGS ATTENDED BY TOP OFFICIALS OF ALL 13 PRC BANKS IN HK

HAS ENDED WITH MANAGERS AGREEING TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT WILL
ENABLE THEM COMPETE MORE EFFECTIVELY W/NON-COMMUNIST BANKS.
ONE OF MAJOR DECISIONS REACHED WAS TO SET UP FINANCE COM-
PANY TO PARTICIPATE IN HK'S GROWING CONSUMER FINANCE MRKT.

2. JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS 3 MEN SET CAR AFIRE WEDS/TRIED
CRASH IT INTO NARITA AIRPORT TOWN TERMINAL, BUT FAILED
CAUSE ANY DAMAGE, ACCORDING POLICE. FIRST ATTACK ON
TERMINAL SINCE AIPORT OPENED LAST MAY.

JSP GENERAL AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR MORISHITA SAID WEDS
THAT CIVILIAN DEF CHIEF KANEMARU'S STATEMENT THAT JAPAN/
TAIWAN/KOREA FORM "COMMUNITY BOUND TO SHARE A COMMON
FATE" IS MATTER TOO GRAVE TO LEAVE ASIDE, DESPITE
KANEMARU'S RETRACTION. MORISHITA SAIS KANEMARU GAVE
IMPRESSION TAIWAN WAS COUNTRY IN ITS OWN RIGHT; ADDED
THAT CIVILIAN DEFENSE CHIEF'S STATEMENT ADVERSELY COULD
AFFECT GOJ NEGOTIATIONS W/PRC (REUTER TOKYO).

UPI (TOKYO 8/1) CITES JAPANESE NEWSPAPER REPROTS THAT
TOGURI D'AQUINO ("TOKYO ROSE") WILL VISIT JAPAN IN SEPT/
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HAVE "JOYFUL REUNION" W/HER HUSBAND, OTHER JAPANESE
FRIENDS (ALSO WSTAR 8/1). BUT CHITRIB'S DE LAMA QUOTES
D'AQUINO'S NEPHEW SAYING SHE HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO
ANNOUNCE SHE ISN'T GOING--"SHE SAYS IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE."

3. PHILIPPINES

WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS CAREER PHIL DIPLO, IN CHARGE OF
PHILS EMB IN AUSTRALIA, HAS FLOWN TO US/DECLARED HIS
INTENTION SEEK POL ASYLUM. JOSELITE AZURIN, 15-YR VET OF
PHIL FON SERVICE, SAID TUES HE IS TAKING ACTION BECAUSE
OF "DICTORIAL AND RUTHLESS" POLICIES OF MARCOS GOVT.
SAID HE HOPES REMAIN IN WASHINGTON AREA/PARTICIPATE IN
MOVEMENT OF FREE PHILS.

PHILS EMB DCM BELISARIO SAID AZURIN WAS ORDERED RETURN TO
MANILA FOLLOWING REQUEST FROM GOA THAT HE WAS TO BE RE-
CALLED. SAID NO BASIS FOR ASYLUM IN US, BECAUSE CASE IS
"PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE, NOT POLITICAL."

AZURIN AGREED HE HAD BEEN ORDERED RETURN TO MANILA, BUT
DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF AUSSIE REQUEST. SAID RUMORS OF SUCH
REQUEST WERE DENIED BY AUSSIE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOLLOWING
CONTROVERSY INVOLVING HIS DEFENSE OF FILIPINO MAIDS
EMPLOYED BY DIPLOS IN CANBERRA. AZURIN SAID CONTRIBUTING
TO GOP DECISION WAS CONFLICT W/INCOMING PHIL AMB TO
AUSTRALIA AND HIS CRITICISM OF FAST DIPLO RISE OF SON OF

ANOTHER PROMINENT GENERAL.

IN 2ND OF 2 ARTICLES, WP'S EGAN (8/1) POINTS OUT CLOSE CONNECTIONS BETWN FORD MOTOR CO/GOP. NOTES FORD PHILS INC WAS CONSIDERING CLOSING DOWN EARLIER THIS YR, BUT NOW COMPANY PLANNING INVEST ADDITIONAL 4.3 MIL DOLS IN EXPANSION PROGRAM. SAYS IT HAS BECOME SUBJECT OF LATEST/MOST SERIOUS OF NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN 50-MIL-DOL SHAREHOLDER LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY NY ATTORNEY UNCLASSIFIED

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ROY COHN THAT ALLEGES VARIOUS MISUSES OF FUNDS BY FIRM/ITS CHRMN. SUIT CONTENDS GOP BRIBED FORD OFFICIALS W/2 MIL DOLS IN WHAT EGAN CALLS "UNIQUE REVERSE TWIST" "OF ORIGINAL SUIT. IF PROVEN, SAYS IT WOULD BE 1ST CASE WHERE MONEY WENT FROM GOVT TO FIRM. ARTICLE GOES INTO DETAILS OF SUIT, FRIENDSHIP BETWN FORD'S ESTRANGED WIFE/IMELDA MARCOS.

4. BURMA

IMF HAS APPROVED STAND-BY ARRANGEMENT FOR BURMA AUTHORIZING UP TO 37.5 MIL DOLS IN SPEC DRAWING RIGHTS OVER NEXT 12 MONTHS TO SUPPORT GUB'S ECON PROGRAM FOR FY '78-79.

5. INDONESIA

ADB PRES/INDO PRES SUHARTO MET MONDAY TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF INDO'S DEVEL PLAN/ANNOUNCED ADB WILL PROVIDE 200-MIL-DOL LOAN TO INDO THIS YR TO SERVE 10 DEVEL PROJECTS INCL ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS/ROAD CONSTRUCTION (UPI JAKARTA, JOC).

6. VIETNAM

US CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DEL ARRIVE HANOI TO DISCUSS REPATRIATION VIETS HOLDING US PASSPORTS (WP).

7. VIETNAM/CHINA

REUTER QUOTES "RED FLAG" THAT VN HAS BECOME "CUBA OF THE EAST" BY SERVING AS AGENT OF USSR. WARNED HANOI IT WILL HAVE TO REPAY ITS DEBTS TO MOSCOW W/BLOOD/LIVES OF PEOPLE. MEANWHILE PRC FONMINS SAID TUES THAT VIET FORCES DROVE UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEES ACROSS BORDER MONDAY BY OPENING FIRE ON THEM-- DENIAL OF REPORT BY VNA THAT HUNDREDS WERE "INSTIGATED" TO FORCE THEIR WAY INTO CHINA (PRITCHETT, REUTER PEKING 8/1-2).

8. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

VIET AF HAS BEEN BOMBING/STRAFING CAMBODIAN TROOPS ON UNPRECEDENTED SCALE IN BORDER WAR, ACCORDING US INTELLIGENCE

REPORTS. AP SAYS VIET PILOTS BELIEVED BE FLYING US-BUILT WARPLANES CAPTURED IN '75/THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANY CAMBODIAN AIR OPPOSITION. QUOTES ANALYSTS IN REPORT THAT BORDER FIGHTING NO LONGER TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BUT MATTER OF A FAR-REACHING NATL SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOTH. NOTES VIETS SENDING TROOPS SOUTHWARD FROM HANOI, ALONG W/ SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF EQUIP/THAT VIET ASSEMBLY RECENTLY APPROVED BIG INCR IN MIL BUDGET. QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT HANOI'S CURRENT OBJECTIVE IS TO PUNISH CAMBODIAN FORCES SO BADLY THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO PENETRATE INTO VN IN FUTURE (HOFFMAN, AP, SUN/NYDN/NYT--NOT BYLINED IN PAPERS). LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK 8/1) QUOTES MIL SOURCES IN BANGKOK WHO DISCOUNTED EARLIER CAMBODIAN REPORTS THAT 2 SOVIET-MADE MIGS HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN, SAYING VIETS NOT USING MIGS.

9. KOREA

REUTER REPORTS US HOUSE OF REPS TUES DEALT "SEVERE BLOW" TO CARTER ADMIN'S PLAN FOR PHASED W/DRAWAL US TROOPS FROM KOREA, APPROVING (279-117) STRATTON AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING PRES TRANSFER 90 MIL DOLS WORTH US ARMS, INSTEAD OF 800 MIL DOLS REQUESTED BY CARTER, TO ROK FORCES IN FY '79. AMENDMENT ALSO WOULD REQUIRE PRES CONSULT CONGRESS BEFORE MAKING ANY FURTHER TROOP W/DRAWALS.

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COLORADO SPRINGS SUN'S FREED (7/22) REPORTS SK AMB YONG SHIK KIM, IN CITY FOR 2-DAY MTG W/17 SK HONORARY CONSUL GENERALS, SAID REMOVAL OF US GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA WOULD NOT DISRUPT HIS COUNTRY'S DEFENSES SO LONG AS US HONORS COMMITMENTS TO NAVAL/AIR SUPPORT. KIM ADDED THAT MIL VACUUM "SHOULD NOT BE CREATED BECAUSE OF US RESOLVE. PEACE HAS BEEN MAINTAINED THRU OUR JOINT EFFORTS. IF GROUND TROOPS ARE W/DRAWN, SUFFICIENT COMPENSATORY MEASURES--STRENGTHENING OUR FORCES--ARE NEEDED."

10. PACIFIC

FRANCE HAS EXPLODED 4 NUKE DEVICES IN PACIFIC THIS YR, ACCORDING AUSSIE FONMIN SPOKESMAN. REPLYING TO REQUESTS FROM NEWSPAPERS FOR INFO ON FRENCH TESTS, SPOKESMAN SAID FRANCE HAD CONDUCTED TESTS AT ITS ATOMIC TEST SITE AT MURUROA ATOLL (REUTER CANBERRA).

11. ASEAN

REUTER ANNOUNCES ASEAN MTG OPENING IN WASHINGTON WEDS--
1ST TIME ASEAN HAS HAD SUCH HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS W/USG.
REUTER SAYS ADMIN HOPES TALKS WILL HELP RE-DEFINE WASHING-

TON'S RELATIONSHIP W/ASEAN. NOTES DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN
W/SENATE LEADERS AND THEN COMMERCE SECY KREPS. NOTES
2-DAY TALKS WILL BEGIN THURS AT DOS/INCL DISCUSSIONS
ON COMMODITY POLICIES IN N-S DIALOGUE/TRADE ISSUES/BILAT
BUSINESS RELS/ROLE OF EX-IM BANK IN ASEAN DEVEL/US TAX
POLICY/CO-OP ON FOOD, ENERGY, DEVEL, SCIENCE, NARCOTICS
CONTROL, EDUC/CULTURAL PROGRAMS. SAYS MINS ALSO EXPECTED
SEEK FURTHER ASSURANCES THAT US WILL REMAIN ASIAN/PAC
POWER, DESPITE PLANS TO W/DRAW TROOPS FROM SK/HANDOVER
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BASES IN PHILS.

UPI (JOC) OBSERVES MTG BEING GIVEN "UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF
HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION," BUT PREDICTS SOME ASIAN HOPES WILL
REMAIN UNFULFILLED. QUOTES DOS OFFICIAL THAT US CO-OP
IS DESIGNED TO DEFINE LEVEL OF FUTURE US INVOLVEMENT IN
PACIFIC AREA; 20 YRS OF "EXCESSIVE INVOLVEMENT" IN SEASIA
WAS FOLLOWED BY "ALMOST TOTAL AVERSION." US, HE SAID,
WILL REMAIN PAC POWER, BUT WILL MODIFY ITS PARTICIPATION
TO SUIT CIRCUMSTANCES. SAYS US IS PREPARED MOVE FORWARD
W/SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT WILL STRENGTHEN ECON TIES W/ASEAN,
INCL MISSION OF US BUSINESS/ECON LEADERS TO AREA TO STUDY
INVESTMENT/FINANCING DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES. AMONG
ASEAN REQUESTS NOT TO BE SATISFIED ARE INDO'S CONTINUED
EXCLUSION FROM GEN TARIFF PREFERENCES DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL
UNHAPPINESS OVER OPEC PRICE INCREASES/ASEAN'S HOPES FOR
PREFERENTIAL US TREATMENT WHICH, ACCORD DOS, WOULD TRIGGER
AVALANCH OF SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHER PARTS OF WORLD.

12. GENERAL

WSJ'S MCCUE (SINGAPORE) DOES FEATURE ON INDUSTRIAL NATL
BANK OF RHODE ISLAND IN SINGAPORE WHICH PUTTING TOGETHER
SYNDICATED LOANS IN 5-MIL TO 10-MIL-DOL RANGE. SAYS
BANKERS FEEL THERE IS GROWING MRKT FOR SMALL LOANS; NOTES
BANK HAS MADE 6 LOANS TO TAIWAN, INCL 10 MIL DOLS TO SHIP-
BLDG CO. SAYS BANK STRESSES SPECIAL ATTENTION THAT CAN BE
GIVEN TO SMALL LOANS, THAT GROWTH OF SUCH LOANS IS IN PART
DUE TO GOVTS' DESIRE TO WIDEN THEIR OPTIONS. VANCE

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